

PATRICK VAINLY SEEKS LIBERTY.

Accused Lawyer Looks Well After Year and a Half in the Tombs.

Albert T. Patrick, the Texas lawyer, who has been in the Tombs a year and a half, charged with forcing a will in the name of William M. Rice, leaving about \$800,000 to himself, and of procuring the death of the aged millionaire by poison, was taken from the Tombs to the Supreme Court at 10 o'clock this morning. He was brought into court on a writ of habeas corpus, and his discharge from custody was demanded, on his admission to bail. His lawyer, R. M. Moore, got the writ. Assistant District Attorney O'Connor told Justice Beach that Mr. O'Connor, who is in charge of the prosecution of Patrick, was engaged elsewhere, and the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow, despite Mr. Moore's protest. Patrick was taken back to the Tombs again. Patrick was as plump as a partridge

TO RUN ELECTRIC ROAD TO BOSTON.

THIS MAY BE PLAN OF HUCKLEBERRY'S RIVAL.

Promoters of Proposed Road Deny, However, That This Is Their Present Intention.

It was intimated to-day at the hearing before the State Railroad Commissioners on the application of the New York and Portchester Railroad Company to build a four-track electric road from the Harlem River to Portchester, and the Connecticut State line, that the plan in which the application is based may be only the first step in a scheme to connect New York and Boston by an electric railway system to parallel the present lines of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. The hint was given by H. W. Taft, counsel for the New Haven road, when William C. Gotshall, President and chief promoter of the New York & Portchester Railroad Company, was on the stand. "What was your purpose in trying to acquire the New York & Hartford Railroad?" Mr. Gotshall was asked. "Simply to increase the business of the company."

THIRTY-ONE BIDS FOR CITY LIGHTS.

PROPOSALS OPENED TO-DAY BY MR. KEARNY.

Lower Price Put on Manhattan Arc Lights than that of Last Year.

Commissioner Kearny, of the Department of Public Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, opened bids this morning for the lighting of street and public buildings in the Greater City with electricity and gas for 1902. There were thirty-one bids. As the bids were about to be opened the Commissioner said: "Where is the man with the injunction?" This remark was caused by the rumors that there was going to be an injunction issued preventing him from opening any of the bids. The Commissioner said the bids were about the same as last year, with the exception of those for electricity in Manhattan which were about five cents lower per arc light. They will be tabulated in a few days, when the awards will be made.

LONDON STOCKS FIRM.

American Railway Shares Rally After Weak Opening.

Despite a weak opening in the American department at the London market, prices rallied generally and gains of 1-4 to 3-4 per cent. were scored over New York's closing prices of yesterday. The maximum gain was in the Louisville and Nashville issue, which sold up to the equivalent of 90-1/4. The Copper shares were steady while Steel common was equal to 1-1/4 and the preferred to 91-1/2.

The Wheat Market.

Wheat opened strong at an advance of 3-8c. in unexpectedly higher Liverpool cables. Outside support, however, failed to develop liberally and the upturn was soon lost and weakness ensued. All the buying orders came from pit traders who feared that the rally in Liverpool would start another bull fever. Corn opened firm, but lost a half per cent. under the realizing. Wheat declined from 77-1/8 to 76-1/4 in the first fifteen minutes. New York's opening prices were: May wheat, 77-1/8; December, 77-1/4; May corn, 71-1/8; December, 71-1/4; May soybean, 67-1/8 to 67-3/8; July, 67-1/4 to 67-3/8; December, 67-1/4 to 67-3/8. New York's closing prices were: December wheat, 76-1/4; March wheat, 76-1/4; May wheat, 76-1/4; July wheat, 76-1/4; December corn, 70-1/2; May corn, 70-1/2; July corn, 70-1/2; December soybean, 66-1/4; May soybean, 66-1/4; July soybean, 66-1/4.

CHECK RAISERS CAUSE A PANIC

DETECTIVES TELL OF ORGANIZED, SALARIED BAND.

George Moore, Suspect Under Arrest, Is Held for the Grand Jury.

Detectives for the National Association of Bankers declared to Magistrate Dooley in Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, to-day that an organized band of check raisers and forgers were creating a panic among bankers and depositors by their extensive swindling operations. The detectives said that the gang had headquarters in this city, but operated through the State and New England. A special feature of the swindling syndicate, they said, is that the various persons employed in raising, forging and passing the checks do not share in the profits, but are paid regular weekly salaries. The statement was made in the hearing of the case against George Moore, arrested for raising a \$150 check of Sonnet Brothers, Brooklyn, to \$329 and trying to collect on it from the Fulton Bank. Moore pleaded not guilty and was held in \$1,000 bail for the Grand Jury. Moore, so the detectives said, was the official "presenter" for the swindlers and for a salary cashed what checks he could after they had been prepared at the swindlers' headquarters. A specialty is made of defrauding banks that make use of "safety" paper in their check books.

BIG 'PHONE TRUST ABSORBS A RIVAL.

BELL COMBINATION TAKES IN ANOTHER LINE.

Gets Control of Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company and Increases Its Power.

The report from Chicago that the Bell Telephone Company interests have succeeded in absorbing the Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company is believed by Wall Street to be correct. It is said that the result will put the bulk of the telephone business of the entire country in the control of the Trust. The Bell Telephone Company was succeeded two years ago by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, with a capital stock of \$150,000,000. If the report from Chicago is correct the American Telephone and Telegraph Company—which is controlled by the Bell interests—will own the business wholly of Ohio, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Texas, Arkansas and Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, and many of the Eastern States.

TO BUILD A SCHOOL.

New York Woman to Establish a Charity at Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Ida M. Ryan, of New York, wife of John F. Ryan, formerly president of the Seaboard Air Line, will build a large parochial school here for girls. The property has been purchased and work will commence on the building.

SHIPPING NEWS.

AMERICAN PORTS TO-DAY.
Sun. River, 1:15 Sun. River, 1:15 Mon. River, 1:15
THE TIDES.
High Water, Low Water, A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.
Sandy Hook, 1:25 7:56 1:14 7:52
Governor's Island, 1:53 8:10 1:46 7:58
Hell Gate Ferry, 2:16 8:33 2:18 8:01

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.
Tuscarora, from London, 10:30
Manitowish, from London, 10:30
Pierland, from London, 10:30
Bismarck, from London, 10:30
Sagadahoc, from London, 10:30
St. Paul, from Southampton, 10:30
Atlantic, from Southampton, 10:30

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.
Bulgaria, Hamburg, 10:30
Nubia, Stettin, 10:30
Strabo, Hamburg, 10:30
Anchora, Glasgow, 10:30
Teutonic, Liverpool, 10:30
Sailed to-day.
St. Paul, Southampton, 10:30
Atlantic, Southampton, 10:30
Pierland, Liverpool, 10:30
Bismarck, London, 10:30
Sagadahoc, London, 10:30
Tuscarora, London, 10:30

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

Sailed to-day.
St. Paul, Southampton, 10:30
Atlantic, Southampton, 10:30
Pierland, Liverpool, 10:30
Bismarck, London, 10:30
Sagadahoc, London, 10:30
Tuscarora, London, 10:30

Stern Brothers

Appropriate Holiday Gifts in their

Women's Neckwear Dep't

Real Lace Handkerchiefs, Collars, Berthas, Barbs, Scarfs and Fichus, Muff Sets of Chiffon, Taffeta or Liberty Silk, Collarettes, Jabots, Stocks, Boas and Ruffs of Lace or Chiffon

And in addition

To-morrow

Silk and Velvet

Stocks and Collarettes, at 48c

Stock Collars

of Peau-de-Soie, 75c

with Four-in-Hands

Figured Net, Liberty Silk and Chiffon Ruffs, \$1.95, 2.50

full ends, in all black, white or black and white.

Extraordinary Values in

Fine Silk Umbrellas

26 & 28 in. Twilled Silk, \$2.95, 3.75

assorted Rich Handles,

26 & 28 in. Good quality Silk, with \$4.95, 5.75

handsomely mounted Pearl and Ivory Handles,

26 in. Extra quality Silk, with \$8.75

very long Sterling Silver Handles,

Canes (Inlaid Silver on Partridge Wood, Value \$2.50 \$1.95

For Men and Boys

Men's Tuxedo House Coats

of English Reversible Cloth, Value \$5.00 to 8.50 \$3.95, 5.95

Men's Bath & House Gowns

of Plaid or Jacquard Blankets, Value \$6.75 \$4.95

Men's Rain-proof Coats

of heavy Oxford Cloth or Brown or Tan Covert, Value \$16.50 \$9.75

Boys' House Coats

of plaid back cloths, 8 to 18 yrs., \$3.95

Boys' Blanket Robes

sizes 8 to 18 yrs., \$2.98

Boys' Mackintoshes,

tan or blue cloth, velvet collar, 6 to 16 yrs., \$3.95

Oriental Rugs

Choice Specimens of Persian and Silk Rugs, \$75.00

Kirmanshah, Tebriz, Iran, Semnah, also Bokhara, Daghestan and Shirvan Rugs

Silk Rugs, upwards from \$75.00

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JAMES MCGREERY & CO.,

Twenty-third Street.

TRADE MARK

THE BEST SHOE FOR WOMEN.

\$3.50 per pair.

None genuine without the Sorosis label.

JAMES MCGREERY & CO.,

Twenty-third Street.

COPPER LOSSES

RUIN BROKERS.

Not an Exchange Firm, but Did Large Business—Had Many Women Patrons.

The first failure due to the war in Amalgamated Copper is that of the brokerage firm of Hugh L. Smyth & Co., of No. 31 Broadway. The following notice was posted in the office of the firm this morning:

"owing to losses in Amalgamated Copper the firm of Hugh L. Smyth & Co. has been compelled to suspend business. As soon as our affairs can be straightened a proposition will be made to our customers."

Smyth & Co. was not a stock exchange firm, but it did a very large business with customers outside of the city. There were private wires from the lavishly furnished Broadway offices to various cities and much business was done in the South.

The firm had an up-town office in the Metropolitan Hotel, at Forty-second street and Broadway, where there were special accommodations for women speculators. According to advertisements the business of the firm was done through a chain of the Consolidated Stock Exchange.

Favored customers were informed of the suspension of the firm at the close of business yesterday.

The partners in Hugh L. Smyth & Co. are Hugh L. Smyth and T. Hanbury Smyth. Neither of them could be found this morning. The Broadway office was in charge of a man who refused to give his name.

The Cotton Market.

The local cotton market opened steady today with prices unchanged to points higher.

Better cables than expected and European support held the market at the high level after the cash. Wall street commission houses bought near months.

Trading was active with sentiment very much mixed, but bullish in the long run.

The opening prices were: January, 8.00 to 8.10; February, 8.00 to 8.10; March, 8.10 to 8.15; April, 8.10 to 8.15; May, 8.10 to 8.15; June, 8.10 to 8.15; July, 8.00 to 8.05; August, 7.90 to 7.95; September, 7.80 to 7.85; October, 7.70 to 7.75; November, 7.60 to 7.65; December, 7.50 to 7.55.

The prices at 2:30 P. M. were: January, 8.10; February, 8.10; March, 8.10; April, 8.10; May, 8.10; June, 8.10; July, 8.10; August, 8.00; September, 7.90; October, 7.80; November, 7.70; December, 7.60.

The Closing Quotations.

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JAMES MCGREERY & CO.

INFANTS' OUTFITTING

DEPT.

2d Floor.

Remaining stock of this season's coats. Various materials and models.

Sizes 2 to 4 years.

\$5.50 and \$7.50

value 10.00 to 15.00

Silk Caps and Bonnets,—

pink, white or blue.

Sizes 13 to 16 inches.

\$1.50

value 2.50 to 3.50

Twenty-third Street.

JAMES MCGREERY & CO.

UPHOLSTERY DEPT.

4th Floor.

About 300 pairs of Portieres. Made of various materials, including Brocade Armures, Rep and reversible Tapestries.

\$2.85, 5.00 and 6.00

per pair.

100 pairs, rich Venetian Velours Portieres,—edged with heavy rope cord.

Colors—burgundy, rose, Nile, empire red or green and turquoise.

6.50 per pair; value 8.50.

Couch Covers,—60 inches wide, 3 yards long. Bagdad, Mosque and Kelim designs.

\$2.90, 4.50, 6.00 and 7.00 each.

Fine Imported Bagdad Curtains and covers. Numerous colors. Full size.

4.50 each.

Ruffled Bobbinette Lace Curtains.

1.75, 2.50 and 3.50

per pair.

1000 pairs Fancy Muslim Curtains,—finished with deep ruffles.

\$1.00 per pair.

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